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League Expert Testifies Says Germany Cannot Pay

GERMANY will be unable to meet her reparations obligations without outside assistance, such as the proposed international loan, in the opinion of Sir James Arthur Salter, director of the finance section of the League of Nations at Geneva, who is in the United States on a visit.

"I believe Germany might readily meet all her internal debts," he said in an interview, "but to pay reparations obligations outside aid will be necessary. Capital from elsewhere must be obtained.

"Germany's securities are good enough in themselves, I believe. But as I understand it, some of the bankers are not so sure of the future value of those securities because they fear France might act independently in the Ruhr. If France expressed a willingness to withdraw, the loan might be negotiated. If France changed her mind, the security would lose value. The situation seems to rest upon France."

In Sir Arthur's opinion, the Dawes plan inevitably will be accepted.

"The difficulties in this direction are few," he said, "as compared with the desire of the peoples of Europe to have some definite plan by which the present unsettled condition may be corrected.

"The point of contention—at the London conference is in regard to a situation which, in all probability, will never arise, but which, it is considered by everybody, should be safeguarded," he explained. "It is in connection with the possible application of sanctions or force toward Germany in the event that there is any default in the obligations imposed by the experts' plan.

"It is contemplated that such sanctions should be applied by the allied governments acting jointly upon the recommendation of the reparation commission.

"Obviously there will be no question when the reparation commission under its procedure recommends the application of the sanctions and the allied governments act favorably upon such recommendations.

"So far there is complete agreement. However, a condition might arise in which the reparation commission might recommend the application of sanction and a majority of the allied governments (surveying the problem more broadly than the reparation commission may do under its authority) might not accept such recommendations."

Hays Hammond Passes Buck Public Can Cure Coal Panic

ELIMINATION of panic prices in the coal situation and stabilization of the industry can be promoted by the consumer himself, believes John Hays Hammond, who was chairman of the federal coal commission.

"The coal industry is probably beset with more difficulties than any other of the great American industries, due to prevailing intermittence of operation," says Mr. Hammond. "If this evil could be removed a tremendous step would be taken in regularizing the coal industry and in helping other industries which are partially or wholly dependent on coal.

"The solution undoubtedly lies in greater storage. A reasonable accumulation in storage will permit of more even production throughout the year, deflation of the coal industry, continuous employment of labor, relief of congestion on railroads during their maximum demand season, removal of the 'feast or famine' conditions among consumers, and many other allied troubles that are now felt as coal takes its course from mine to point of combustion. The fears of loss by the consumers have been studied and largely dispelled.

"In the past the operators have said that storage is the duty of the consumer, and as a result storage has been neglected. This cycle must be broken and a unified, economically sound practice established. It is wisely recommended and urged that the consumer, potentially the largest benefactor, should apply the needed balance wheel through himself initiating storage."

Miss Anne Morgan, Patriot Decorated by the French

OFFICER of the Legion of Honor is the decoration conferred on Miss Anne Morgan in appreciation of her work as first vice-president of the American committee for devastated France. The committee concluded its work by handing over the Chateau Blérancourt, which was assigned to it as headquarters by Gen. Petain in 1917, to the people of Blérancourt.

Miss Morgan was one of eight American women who "organized their office in a shell hole and began their work." She has spent most of her time abroad since.

Anne Tracy Morgan is the daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan and sister of the present head of J. P. Morgan & Co. She was born in 1873 and educated in private schools.

Her life has been given almost wholly to charitable and reform work. She is an active factor in the National Civic Federation. Her home is in New York City.

At Sea With Joseph Conrad From Napoleon's Estimates

By CLARK KINNARD

SOME idea of the descriptive powers with which Joseph Conrad (he died the other day) endowed his tales of the sea, making him one of the three or four greatest literary figures of our time, can be grasped from this quotation from "The Nigger of the Narcissus" (Chapter 2), one of his earlier works:

The Narcissus, left alone, heading south, seemed to stand despondent and still upon the restless sea, under the moving sun. Flakes of foam swept past her sides, the water struck her with flashing blows; the land glided away, slowly fading; a few birds screamed on motionless wings over the swaying mastheads.

But soon the land disappeared, the birds went away; and to the west the pointed sail of an Arab dhow running for Bombay, rose triangular and upright above the sharp edge of the horizon, lingered and vanished like an illusion.

Then the ship's wake, long and straight, stretched itself out through a day of immense solitude. The setting sun, burning on the level of the water, flamed crimson below the blackness of heavy rain clouds. The sunset squall, coming up from behind, dissolved itself into the short deluge of a hissing shower.

It left the ship glistening from trucks to waterline, and with darkened sails. She ran easily before a fair monsoon, with her decks cleared for the night; and, moving along with her, was heard the sustained and monotonous swishing of the waves, mingled with the low whispers of men mustered aft for the setting of watches; the short plaint of some block aloft; or, now and then, a loud sigh of wind.

Forward, the lookout man, erect between the flukes of the two anchors, hummed an endless tune, keeping his eyes fixed dutifully ahead in a vacant stare. A multitude of stars coming out into the clear night peopled the emptiness of the sky. They glittered, as if alive above the sea; they surrounded the running ship on all sides, more intense than the eyes of a staring crowd, and as inscrutable as the souls of men.

The passage had begun, and the ship, a fragment detached from the earth, went on lonely and swift like a small planet. Round her the abysses of sky and loneliness of her path lent dignity to the sordid inspiration of her pilgrimage. She drove foaming to the southward, as if guided by the courage of a high endeavor. The smiling greatness of the sea dwarfed the extent of time. The days raced after one another, and the nights, eventful and short, resembled fleeting dreams.

Now and then another white speck, burdened with life, appeared far off—disappeared, intent on its own destiny. The sun looked upon her all day, and every morning rose with a burning, round stare of undying curiosity. She had her own future; she was alive with the lives of those beings who trod her decks; like that earth which had given her up to the sea, she had an intolerable load of regrets and hopes.

On her lived timid truth and audacious lies; and, like the earth, she was unconscious, fair to see—and condemned by men to an ignoble fate. The august lineliness of her path lent dignity to the sordid inspiration of her pilgrimage. She drove foaming to the southward, as if guided by the courage of a high endeavor. The smiling greatness of the sea dwarfed the extent of time. The days raced after one another, and the nights, eventful and short, resembled fleeting dreams.

EPICURAMATIC estimates of character shine out in the memoirs of Napoleon Bonaparte. They are the estimates of one who believed that men like himself are either gods or devils.

"Great men are like meteors which shine and consume themselves to enlighten the earth," he wrote.

"Napoleon spoke proudly when he said: 'From my first career, I have always commanded myself.' Therefore it is not surprising to find him declaring: 'There are men who have sufficient strength of mind to change their character or to bend to imperative circumstances.'"

These observations on character made by Napoleon illuminate his own character: Man's true character ever displays itself in great events.

Great men are those who can control both good luck and fortune.

The greater the man, the less he is opinionative; he depends upon events and circumstances.

Many a one commits a reprehensible action who is perfectly honorable, because a man seldom acts upon natural impulse but upon some secret passion of the moment, which lies hidden and concealed within the narrowest folds of his heart.

Great ambition is the passion of a great character. He who is endowed with it may perform very great or very bad things; all depends on the principles which direct him.

To have the right estimate of a man's character, we must see him in adversity.

Real industry is not the employment of known and given means. Art and genius consist in achieving in spite of difficulties and in finding little or nothing impossible.

Man is very hard to understand, and, not to deceive ourselves, we must judge him only by his actions of the moment.

Many characters have been modified by age, habits of business, and experience.

Napoleon painted a word-portrait of one man: "Murat was a most singular character. He loved—I may rather say adored—me. In my presence he was, as it were, struck with awe and ready to fall at my feet."

Order Murat to attack four or five thousand men in such a direction, it was done in a moment; but leave him to himself, he was an imbecile without judgment. I cannot conceive how so brave a man could be so lache. He was nowhere brave unless before the enemy. There he probably was the bravest man in the world. His boiling courage carried him into the midst of the enemy. He was a paladin—in fact a Don Quixote—in the field; but take him into the cabinet, he was a poltroon without judgment or decision. Murat, though he loved me, did me more mischief than any other person in the world."

OR GAS, MEBBE

The child had been greatly impressed by her first experience in Sunday school.

She pressed her hands to her breast, and said solemnly to her sister, two years older:

"When you hear something wite here, it is conscience whispering to you."

"It's no such thing," the sister jeered. "That's just wind on your tummy."

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

Uncut ragweed, you'll remember, Make hay fever in September.

There's ne'er safe water in a ten-foot well.

A merchant counts his cash daily, his pulse seldom.

You may hire the best of teachers, You may renovate the school; But there'll always be mosquitoes In the old mosquito pool.

As tourniquets, tight garters are only partially successful.

Blessed are the poor in health, for they get theirs here on earth.

It's not liquor at all, It's the wood alcohol That makes morticians inter 'em; For they drink and they're dead, As the bootlegger said, But that doesn't seem to deter 'em.

Beware of the live wires that hang around the street—selling oil stock.

You can come nearer curing consumption with a little milk and a lot of milk than you can with a lot of money and a little milk.

Doing nothing is not rest; They rest the best who are busiest.

To stay young, keep moving.

After all, beauty is only rouge deep.

Alas! 'Tis said; We speak of Jim— He fell in the creek But couldn't swim.

The rising dust is oft discussed and causes much pneumonia.

It's the best policy To be honest, they say; But another good form Is a twenty-year pay.

Heat spoils babies. To keep them from spolling, turn the fan on them.

Oh, what useless things we do When first we learn to smoke and chew!

One trouble about ocean voyages, so one is always bringing up the subject of lunch.

To their detriment, school children prefer candy to more wholesome articles of diet—and too many school cafeterias supply that preference.

No dub is a hero to his caddy.

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